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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 2005/050140

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FOR: METHOD OF PRODUCING LOW-DUST

GRANULES FROM POLYMER ADDITIVES

U.S. APPLICATION NO: 10/586,707

35 USC 371 DATE: July 20, 2006

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 USC 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office, dated July 2, 2008, Applicants offer the following remarks.

The notice indicates that Applicants must provide an initial computer readable form copy of the "sequence listing" and an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "sequence listing".

Applicants submit that the present application <u>does not</u> disclose any subject matter directed to a sequence listing.

The present application is directed towards a method of producing low-dust granules of polymer additives.

Applicants submit that the Notification of Missing Requirements is erroneous and that the present application is complete.

The PTO is respectfully requested to withdraw the Notice of Missing Requirements.

These remarks are submitted within the time period for reply and no extension of time is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- Priority Document
- Copy of the International Application filed on 07/20/2006
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 07/20/2006
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 07/20/2006
- Biochemical Sequence Diskette filed on 07/20/2006
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 07/20/2006
- Priority Documents filed on 07/20/2006
- Specification filed on 07/20/2006
- Claims filed on 07/20/2006
- · Abstracts filed on 07/20/2006

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fees required for this application is \$130 for a Large Entity:

- \$130 Surcharge.
- This application clearly fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR. 1.821-1.825. Applicant's attention is directed to the final rulemaking notice published at 55 FR 18230 (May 1, 1990), and 1114 OG 29 (May 15, 1990). If the effective filing date is on or after July 1, 1998, see the final rulemaking notice published at 63 FR 29620 (June 1, 1998) and 1211 OG 82 (June 23, 1998). If the effective filing date is on or after September 8, 2000, see the final rulemaking notice published in the Federal Register at 65 FR 54604 (September 8, 2000) and 1238 OG 145 (September 19, 2000). Applicant must provide an initial computer readable form (CRE) copy of the "Sequence Listing", an initial paper or compact disc copy of the "Sequence Listing", as

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well as an amendment specifically directing its entry into the application. Applicant must also provide a statement that the content of the sequence listing information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written (on paper or compact disc) sequence listing and, where applicable, includes no new matter, as required by 37 CFR 1.821(e), 1.821(f), 1.821(g), 1.825(b), or 1.825(d). If applicant desires the sequence listing in the instant application to be identical with that of another application on file in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, such request in accordance with 37 CFR 1.821(e) may be submitted in lieu of a new CRF.

Applicant is cautioned that correction of the above items may cause the specification and drawings page count to exceed 100 pages. If the specification and drawings exceed 100 pages, applicant will need to submit the required application size fee.

For questions regarding compliance to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 requirements, please contact:

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ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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